

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A stackable and collapsible transport box, comprising:

(a) a base plate;

(b) two first side walls which are mutually opposite and collapsible in a lower first plane connected to the base plate via hinge joints; and

(c) two second side walls which are mutually opposite and collapsible in a higher second plane connected to the base plate via hinge joints,

wherein the base plate comprises a plurality of supporting pillars, wherein the supporting pillar are arranged as tube elements beneath the base plate and arranged as L-shaped angle elements above the base plate, and wherein the L-shaped angle elements are provided with an inner step ~~step-like arrangements such that the angle elements can~~ adapted to receive tube elements of a second transport box stacked on said transport box in the collapsed state.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein the L-shaped angle elements each comprise a short section and a long section.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The transport box according to claim 2, wherein the two second side walls each comprise a rectangular cut-out in two corner regions which receive the long section of the L-shaped angle elements.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein each of the ~~two~~ second side walls is provided with at least two inwardly bent edges, wherein each edge is provided with a bevel which slightly tapers ~~having an~~ upwardly, and wherein the second side walls are configured identically, tapered bevel ~~whereby the side walls are placeable in any sequence on top of each other may be placed above one another.~~

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (previously presented): The transport box according to claim 4, wherein the bevel is reinforced with a plurality of superimposed transversal ribs.

Claim 7 (original): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second side walls comprises longitudinal and transverse ribs in the corner regions.

Claim 8 (original): The transport box according to claim 7, wherein the transverse and longitudinal ribs are welded to a stiffening flat cover.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein the transport box further comprises a plurality of runners provided with projecting cams which are fastened to the tube elements of the supporting pillars.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The transport box according to claim 9, wherein the runners comprise runner elements which form a quadrangle that corresponds to the transport box when the runner elements are inserted in the tube elements.

Claim 11 (original): The transport box according to claim 9, wherein each of the runner elements and the cams is provided with a hollow arrangement and each of the cams comprises reinforcing elements.

Claim 12 (original): The transport box according to claim 10, wherein each of the runner elements is provided with a flat groove and may be assembled into a quadrangle via connecting elements.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein the transport box may be manufactured by an injection-molding process using plastic.

Claim 14 (original): The transport box according to claim 13, wherein the plastic is selected from the group consisting of: polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP).